



Summer of Action



YVC
Summer 2009 Catalog



About the Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC)

YVC, a program of HandsOn Madison, engages youth ages 11-18 in service learning opportunities that are fun, meaningful, and address community needs. Youth volunteers are supervised by HandsOn Madison staff and/or trained adult Site Leaders.



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Now that you know what YVC is all about...Let's talk about how you can get involved!



Step 1: Complete the attached registration form and have a parent sign it.



Step 2: Visit our Web site and check out exciting projects for April and May; Summer; and August through December.



Step 3: Circle the project numbers you want that are listed on the back of the registration form. You will find the project number next to each listing in the catalog, for example, **455** Monday, April 13



Step 4: Mail or hand-deliver your completed form to HandsOn Madison, Madison Municipal Complex, 100 Hughes Road, Madison, AL 35758, or fax it to 772-3828. If you would like, you can leave your completed form with the receptionist in the lobby.

See how easy that was! We'll be looking for **YOU** at the next project.



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Legend

Take a look at the descriptions of all the volunteer opportunities that interest you to learn more about them. As you are looking at each opportunity, you will notice boxes along the bottom left of the description. Those are quick info guides that include how to dress, what age groups can participate, and who or what you will be working with.

These Icons represent the
"population" you will be
working with:



Health



Seniors



Environment



Schools



Performing
Arts



Cars

These icons give you a
little more information
about the project.



You might get
Dirty!



Wear comfortable
Shoes!



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HandsOn Greater Huntsville/The
Volunteer Center of Madison County



After weeks of rain, swine flu and a school year that seemed as if it would never end, summer is finally here!

I have tried to include something for everyone in this calendar for June and July. A food drive for Madison food pantries and a fundraiser for Madison ARF are the two big projects for this summer.

Service learning modules for this summer are as follows:

1. Back to School
2. Petal Pushers
3. Health and Fitness
4. Cool Cats, Leapin' Lizards & Homeless Hounds
5. Savvy Seniors

Mixed in are many random activities. I learned a LOT from April and May; some activities were great; and well, some were not so great! Maybe that's why it's called "service learning." :)

Do not hesitate to email or call me with suggestions.

Brenda Parker, YVC Program Director

Back to School

Week 1

Let's go back to school! Some of Madison's schools need help cleaning up after a long school year and also preparing for the upcoming school year. These activities show what really goes on at school when you're not there!

Today's Assignment:

Clean out lockers and throw the trash away.

Discovery Middle School
1304 Hughes Road

041 Wednesday, June 10
10—11 a.m.

Today's Assignment::

Clean desks.

Discovery Middle School
1304 Hughes Road

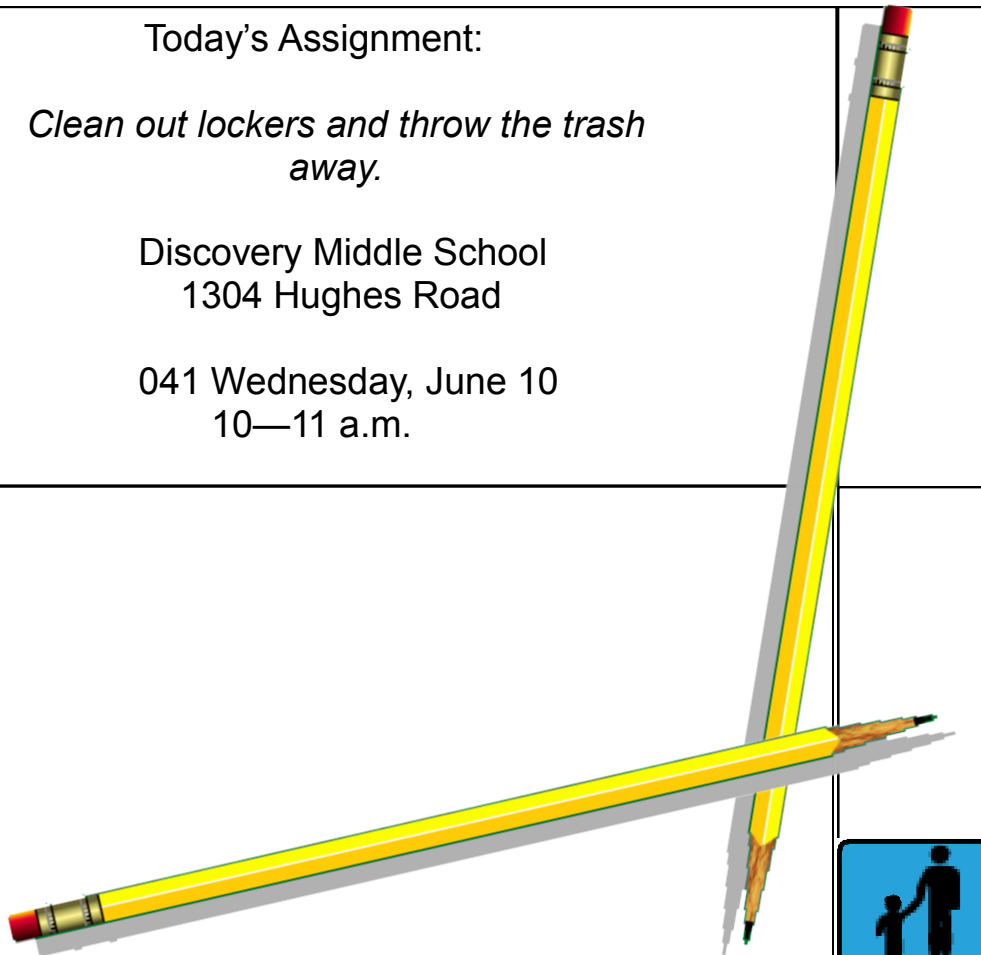
042 Thursday, June 11
10—11 a.m.

Today's Assignment:

Move desks and chairs.

Heritage Elementary School
11775 County Line Road

043 Friday, June 12
10 —11:30 a.m.



Petal Pushers Week 2

Let's get our hands dirty and plant some flowers and spruce up some flower beds.

West Madison Elementary School
4976 Wall Triana Hwy.

044 Tuesday, June 16
9—10 a.m.

Triana Boys & Girls Club
280 Zierdt Road, Triana

045 Thursday, June 18
10 a.m.— noon

Discovery Middle School
1304 Hughes Rd.

046 Wednesday, June 17, 9 a.m.



HEALTH AND FITNESS Week 3



What is it like to plan lunch everyday for 8,200 students? This is Marty Tatar's job with Madison City Schools. She is going to come and talk to us about this very subject. In addition, we'll have someone come and talk to us about food banks. What are they? Does anyone *really* go to a food bank to get food? Bring a can of food for our food drive!

Location: Madison City Hall Council Chambers
100 Hughes Road

047 Tuesday, June 23, 10—11 a.m.

Keisha Nelson, a local certified trainer, is going to hold a boot camp just for us! It will be outside, We're still in the process of choosing the location. Come have fun and learn some exercises that you can do at home. Bring a can of food for our food drive!

Location: To be determined



048 Wednesday, June 24
10—11 a.m.



Really Big Project #1

Food Drive

We're planning a food drive for Madison food pantries. If we receive more food than we can use here in Madison, the excess will be donated to the Salvation Army. Everyone can participate in the food drive, but if you're at least age 15 and would like to help plan this event, please circle #049 on the back of the registration form or sign the roster!



Leapin' Lizards, Cool Cats and Homeless Hounds: Week 4

The owners of Animal Trax in downtown Madison have agreed to let us explore their store and its unusual pets. Beside introducing everyone to their wild and wacky pets, they're going to talk to about the responsibility that comes with pet ownership.

Bring a can of food for our food drive!

Location: Animal Trax, 100 Church Street

050 Tuesday, July 14 10—11 a.m.

Take a tour of one of Madison's newest veterinarian's offices. It's a hospital just for cats! Come and learn why a hospital just for cats is a good thing. Bring a can of food for our food drive!

Location: The Cat Hospital of Madison, 12100 County Line Road, Suite B

051 Thursday, July 15 10—11 a.m.

Madison's "dog catcher" will come and talk to us on the animal laws for the City of Madison. Also, Madison A.R.F's founder is also going to talk to us about why Madison badly needs a new animal shelter. Bring a can of food for our food drive!

Location: Madison City Hall Council Chambers, 100 Hughes Road

052 Thursday, July 15 6—7 p.m.



Really Big Project #2

Fundraiser for Madison A.R.F.

Madison Animal Rescue Foundation (A.R.F.) is a non-profit organization.

Its goals are:

- To build a new rescue-friendly animal shelter in Madison
- To develop an adoption program
- To develop a spay/neuter program in Madison

Holding a fundraising event for A.R.F. would be an excellent and fun way to help provide some badly-needed funding for this endeavor.

ANYONE can participate in this event. If you're at least age 15 and would like to help plan this event, please sign up for activity #053.

Savvy Seniors Week 5

Savvy means experienced or knowledgeable. During week 5, we will explore the world of Madison's seniors.

Dublin Village Apartments—Vickie Sloup, RN, Service Coordinator, has agreed to talk to our group on "Intergenerational Activities," That's when people of different generations participate in activities together. It can be anything from playing bingo or board games, to simply talking. What's the difference between an assisted living facility and a nursing home?

#054 Monday, July 20, 10—11 a.m., Dublin Village Apartments, 106 Dublin Drive

Madison Village Assisted Living - Andrea Rogers, Activities Coordinator, will give us a tour of this facility. Then we'll do a craft with the residents.

#055 Saturday, July 25, 10—11 a.m., Madison Village Assisted Living, 6016 Wall-Triana Hwy.

Madison Manor Nursing Home—Activities Director Nancy Lawler will give a tour of this facility. Then let's play bingo!

#056 Saturday, July 25, 2—3 p.m., Madison Manor Nursing Home, 3891 Sullivan Street





Are You a Rock Star?

If so, show off your rock moves! Dance? Play the piano or a tuba? Tell jokes? Perform magic tricks? Let's put on a talent show! This would be a great way to get in a little extra practice on that recital piece.

We've had one talent show, and it was a great success. So, let's do it again! And again!

LOCATIONS:

Morningside Assisted Living, 49 Hughes Rd.

057 Saturday, June 13, 1—2 p.m.

Madison Village Assisted Living, 6016 Wall-Triana Hwy.

058 Saturday, June 20, 1—2 p.m.

Madison Senior Center, 1282 Hughes Rd.

059 Tuesday, July 14, 12:15—1:15 p.m.



Help Clean Up a Neighborhood Park

Madison YVC has adopted three neighborhood parks through the Adopt-a-Mile/Spot/Park program. No heavy equipment needed. We must make sure the park is free of litter, debris and graffiti and check for damaged trees or play equipment. Anything broken or damaged is reported to the City of Madison for repair.

This particular activity doesn't have to take place on any certain day. If this sounds like something you're interested in, sign up, and we'll work out the date, time and location of the park that works best for you.

060



Game ON!

Spend time with the residents of Dublin Village Apartments playing Bingo, dominoes, poker—pretty much whatever board game or card game you would like!

On the last Saturday of every month, a local church group brings lunch to the residents. Then we play bingo! It works out really well.

LOCATION:

Dublin Village Apartments, 106 Dublin Drive
(Behind the old K-Mart building, where Old Time Pottery is now located)

061 Saturday, June 27
1— 2 p.m.



Did you know? Besides being fun, Bingo is a great game for Seniors for several different reasons. They must listen for the number being called, then locate that number on their card. So they must listen and look. To complete the sequence, they must also place a token on the number, which involves hand-eye coordination.



Pop UP Projects

This catalog is a listing of the volunteer opportunities we have right now. There is a constant flow of new projects into our office, and as more opportunities become available, we will let you know! Keep your eye out for emails!



Workin' at the Car Wash

Come help Madison YVC make some pocket change! We're planning all types of activities - cook-outs, crafts and FREE car washes for our senior friends! Madison YVC needs some money to help fund some future projects. You'll have lots of fun and maybe even make friends with kids other schools! We'll cancel the car wash if it's too cool or bad weather.

If weather's not good for a car wash, we'll try again another day.

Location:

Dollar General Market, 8466 Old Madison Pike

062 Saturday, June 20
10 – 11:30 a.m.

063 Saturday, June 20
11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.



Did You Know? The first conveyORIZED car washes appeared in the mid-1940's. These are the ones with a tunnel-like bay.



Free Car Wash

Let's put a SHINE ON the cars belonging to residents of Dublin Village Apartments — for *free*.

We had this car originally scheduled back on April 25. They're still waiting for their cars to be washed!

LOCATION:

Dublin Village Apartments, 106 Dublin Drive

(Behind the old K-Mart building, where Old Time Pottery is now)

064 Saturday, July 18
1—3 p.m. (or when we're done)



To learn more about the Presidential Service Award, visit this Web site:

www.presidentialserviceawards.com

For those of you who are at least 15 years old, I will be emailing information for some additional volunteer opportunities which are not included in this catalog. For example, there are many summer camps here in Madison which need some extra help. Look for this information in your inbox!